

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Simon Gerard HARDIN et al
Serial No.: New
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For: PROCESS AND SOLUTION FOR PROVIDING A
CONVERSION COATING ON A METALLIC SURFACE II

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following sentence: --This is a continuation application of PCT/AU01/00312, filed March 20, 2001, and published in English.--

REMARKS

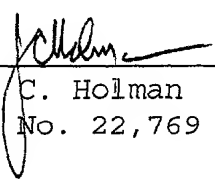
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to place the application in better form for examination.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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